

ANNUAL REPORT *(Case*

OF THE

AUDITORS

OF

SOUTHBRIDGE

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1877.

SOUTHBRIDGE:
SOUTHBRIDGE JOURNAL STEAM PRESS.
1877.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1876.

CLERK:

SAMUEL S. PERRY.

TREASURER:

FRANCIS L. CHAPIN.

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR:

C. A. PAIGE, DANIEL WHITFORD, SYLVESTER DRESSER.

AUDITORS:

S. C. HARTWELL, FREDERIC CROSBY, J. M. COCHRAN.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

E. M. PHILLIPS, T^m exp. 1879 | G. H. HARTWELL, T^m exp. 1877
Rev. H. H. RHEES, Term expires 1878.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

S. M. LANE, Term expires 1879 | M. LEONARD, Term expires 1877
S. C. HARTWELL, " 1879 | FRED. CROSBY, " 1877
A. J. BARTHOLOMEW, 1879 | JOHN ROWLEY, " 1877
Rev. B. V. STEVENSON, Term expires 1878.
Rev. G. A. JACKSON, " " 1878.
EDWIN A. GLEASON, " " 1878.

CONSTABLES:

PLINY M. CLARKE, ELISHA L. SPENCER, GEORGE H.
THAYER.

FENCE VIEWERS:

MARVIN CHENEY, OLIVER MASON, JAMES BROWN.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER:

L. D. CLEMENCE, JOHN M. CHENEY, JAMES BROWN.

FIELD DRIVERS:

THOMAS SANDERS, BARNARD SILK, GEORGE MANSFIELD,
JOSEPH BRACKET, ABIJAH VINTON, LUCIAN LYON,
CHAUNCEY BROWN.

FIRE ENGINEERS:

GEORGE W. WELLS, CHIEF.
P. J. WHELAN, A. THOMPSON, } ASSISTANTS.
FRANKLIN CADY, C. W. HILL, }

ASSESSORS:

AUGUSTUS COOK, SOLOMON THAYER, DANIEL WHITFORD.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES:

THOMAS POTTER.

TRUANT OFFICERS:

SAMUEL FREEMAN, L. O. THOMPSON, P. M. CLARK.

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS:

Dist. 1. G. A. DRESSER,	Dist. 4. R. MORSE.
2. O. MASON,	5. W. H. CHENY,
3. N. McKINSTRY,	6. HIRAM MORSE,
Dist. 7. HENRY WALKER.	

REPORT.

The Auditors of Southbridge present the Annual Report of the financial transactions of the town for the year ending March 1, 1877.

The account of the Town Treasurer, as presented by him, is herewith submitted, having been examined and found correct.

F. L. CHAPIN, *Treasurer*, in account with the Town of Southbridge, for the year ending February 28, 1877.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury March 1, 1876.....	\$2,102 36
Due from L. Morton, Collector.....	39 00
Due from S. Thayer, Collector.....	475 05

Tax bill for 1876 as follows:

State tax.....	3,150 00
County tax.....	2,121 98
Common schools.....	7,200 00
Payment of debts ..	6,000 00
Discount on taxes.....	4,200 00
Salaries	2,200 00
Highways.....	2,200 00
High school.....	1,800 00
Whitford suit....	1,500 00
Public Library.....	1,500 00
Engine men.....	1,400 00
Contingent expenses.....	1,300 00
Interest.....	1,200 00

Amounts carried forward.... \$35,771 98 2,616 41

Amounts brought forward.....	\$35,771 98	\$2,616 41
Street lights.....	1,200 00	
Outside poor.....	1,000 00	
Engine house repairs.....	900 00	
Fire department.....	800 00	
Contingent account of schools, etc.....	600 00	
Bridges	500 00	
Sidewalks.....	500 00	
Elm street reservoir.....	500 00	
South school house.....	500 00	
Abatement of taxes.....	400 00	
Dresser street, \$300 and \$50.....	350 00	
Sayles street.....	300 00	
Chapin street.....	300 00	
Steamer stand.....	200 00	
Printing.....	125 00	
Marcy street sidewalk	100 00	
Overlayings on taxes.....	560 00	
Bank tax.....	2,000 97	
Center watch district and overlayings.....	831 18	
	<hr/>	47,439 13
Poll taxes assessed in September	56 00	
State treasurer, bank tax.....	1,181 17	
State Treasurer, state aid.....	371 87	
State Treasurer, corporation tax.....	339 32	
State Treasurer, income state school fund.....	321 20	
County Treasurer, dog fund.....	385 31	
Centre watch district.....	511 00	
Public library.....	106 05	
Calvin A. Paige account of M. O'Brien.....	96 00	
Police station fees	89 59	
Produce sold.....	71 61	
O. Harding towards support of Lucy Harding.....	52 00	
Grass sold from Vinton lot.....	40 00	
Horse cart sold.....	40 00	
H. Fiske towards support of Lydia Fiske.....	39 00	
Rent of cemetery pasture.....	38 00	
High School tuition.....	35 00	
Cemetery lots sold.....	27 25	
Enfield account for Monahan.....	22 00	
Licenses	16 00	
Interest on overdue taxes.....	15 15	
Use of town hall.....	14 75	
Amount carried forward.....	<hr/>	\$53,923 81

Amount brought forward.....	\$53,923	81
D. Whitford sidewalk account overpaid.....		11 63
Planks, bricks and flag stone sold.....		12 23
Naptha and broken glass.....		3 65
Mortar sold.....		2 25
Overdraft of school committee.....		60
Boards sold.....		10
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	\$53,954	27
Money borrowed in anticipation of taxes.....	24,000	00
Money borrowed for specific purposes.....	8,000	00
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	32,000	00
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	85,954	27

EXPENDITURES.

Common schools.....	\$7,493	07
Discount on taxes.....	4,251	72
State tax 1876.....	3,150	00
Highways.....	3,160	84
Elm street school house.....	2,984	41
Public library.....	2,462	60
Salaries.....	2,152	55
County tax for 1876.....	2,121	98
Bank tax.....	1,782	92
Interest.....	1,773	86
High School.....	1,762	03
Whitford suit.....	1,628	34
Outside poor.....	1,525	95
Engine men.....	1,410	00
Support of poor.....	1,401	80
Center watch district.....	1,173	92
Fire department.....	1,083	16
Street lights.....	1,042	11
Walcott and Plimpton streets.....	790	74
Abatement of taxes.....	721	32
Contingent expenses.....	647	93
Sidewalks.....	618	01
Bridges.....	570	55
Elm street reservoir.....	443	05
State aid.....	396	00
Pine street.....	375	54
Contingent account of schools, etc.....	317	80

Amount carried forward.....\$47,242 20

Amount brought forward.....	\$47,242 20
Chapin street.....	299 29
Sayles street.....	296 49
Printing... ..	229 95
Police station contingent.....	170 15
Insurance	166 61
Hook street... ..	100 00
Railing highways.....	76 58
Dresser street.....	63 32
School apparatus.. ..	27 82
Shoveling snow.....	22 99
Note to Grace Mixter, dated Dec. 1, 1859.....	1,000 00
Note to T. N. Harding, guardian, dated July 5, 1870.....	1,000 00
“ “ “ “ “ Nov. 4, 1871.....	1,000 00
“ “ “ “ “ Aug. 6, 1873.....	500 00
Note to W. A. Marcy, dated April 1, 1872.....	1,000 00
Note to J. Marcy, dated Nov. 27, 1872	1,000 00
Note to John Marcy, dated Nov. 1, 1873.....	2,500 00
“ “ “ Oct. 31, 1874.....	3,000 00
Money borrowed in anticipation of taxes	24,000 00
Due from L. Morton, collector.....	39 00
Due from S. Thayer, collector.....	351 35
Due from T. Potter, collector.....	152 10
Cash on hand.....	1,716 42
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	2,258 87
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	\$85,954 27

NOTES OUTSTANDING FEBRUARY 28, 1877.

Date of Notes.	To whom given.	Amounts	Payable	Interest.
April 15, 1875.	Southbridge Savings Bank	\$ 5,000	1878	6 1-2 per cent
April 15, 1875.	William A. Marcy	5,000	1879	6 per cent.
April 15, 1875.	John Marcy	5,000	1880	6 per cent.
Aug. 8, 1876.	Lucy H. Stowe	5,000	1881	5 per cent.
Feb. 28, 1877.	Jedidiah Marcy.....	3,000	Demand	5 per cent.
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		\$23,000		

BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS MARCH 1, 1877.

School-houses,	\$14,600 00	Town property,	\$51,536 28
Steam fire-engines,	8,000 00	Notes payable,	23,000 00
Hose,	5,000 00	Unappropriated funds,	1,304 19
Town House	5,000 00	Contingent expenses,	1,022 23
Engine-houses,	4,000 00	Center watch district,	593 92
Farm,	3,400 00	State aid,	546 31
Lamp-posts and lanterns,	2,500 00	Interest,	526 09
Police station,	2,500 00	Dog fund,	385 31
Personal property,	1,896 53	Railing highways,	349 22
Fire engines,	1,500 00	School committee,	321 20
New Cemetery,	1,139 75	Fire department,	280 3 ⁰
School furniture,	1,000 00	Side-walks,	262 80
Hose carriage,	1,000 00	Contingent account schools,	254 76
General appropriation,	26,669 77	School apparatus,	239 48
Cash,	1,716 42	Support of poor,	214 91
Walcott and Plimpton streets	790 74	Public library,	194 31
Abatement of taxes,	425 41	Street lights,	179 55
Common schools,	395 91	Engine men,	176 00
S. Thayer, collector,	351 35	Salaries,	138 19
T. Potter, collector,	152 10	Outside poor,	124 00
L. Morton, collector,	39 00	Marcy street sidewalk,	100 00
Bridges,	12 80	Printing,	85 19
		Cemetery improvement,	62 00
		Elm-street reservoir,	56 95
		High School,	48 22
		Discount on taxes,	34 11
		Police station contingent,	23 56
		Elm-street school-house,	15 84
		Highways,	10 64
		Sayles-street;	3 51
		Chapin-street,	71
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	\$82,089 78		\$82,089 78

Errors excepted.

F. L. CHAPIN, *Treasurer.**Southbridge, March 1, 1877.*

HIGH SCHOOL.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation.....	1,800 00	
For tuition.....	35 00	
		<hr/> \$1,835 00

EXPENDITURES.

Miss E. R. Beach, 12 months ending March 9, 1877	1,200 00	
Miss Emma Bradford, 34 weeks, " " "	408 00	
Frank Parson, 5 weeks.....	60 00	
Chauncy Brown for wood.....	9 75	
S. Dresser for wood.....	33 96	
Charles Hyde for wood box.....	3 25	
Geo. B. Corey care of school room and sawing wood	33 57	
F. A. Webber care of school room.....	13 50	
		<hr/> \$1,762 03
Balance against this account March 1, 1876.....	24 75	
		<hr/> \$1,786 78
Balance to credit of this account, March 1, 1877.....		<hr/> \$48 22

COMMON SCHOOLS.

RECEIPTS.

Order overdrawn.....	60	
School committee, state school fund.....	361 96	
Appropriations	7,200 00	
		<hr/> \$7,562 56

EXPENDITURES.

Flora B. Allen, teaching 35 weeks.....	\$280 00
Mrs. H. N. Carpenter, teaching music..	120 00
M. A. Chandler, teaching 10 weeks. ...	90 00
Lizzie Chamberlain, teaching 30 weeks.	280 00
Carrie L. Core, teaching 30 weeks.....	240 00
Iola M. Converse, teaching 33 weeks...	341 00

Amount carried forward..... \$1,351 00

Amount brought forward.....	\$ 1,351 00	
Maria Cutting, teaching 30 weeks.....	250 00	
Ida M. Douty, teaching 33 weeks.....	341 00	
Lizzie Douty, teaching 20 weeks.....	160 00	
Elsie M. Edwards, teaching 11 weeks...	88 00	
Fannie B. Freeman, teaching 30 weeks.	280 00	
Emil Gerber, teaching 12 weeks.....	108 00	
N. J. Gleason, teaching 32 3-5 weeks....	269 40	
J. V. Harwood, teaching 36 weeks.....	444 00	
J. E. Killam, teaching 2 2-5 weeks.. ..	21 60	
S. M. Knight, teaching 30 weeks.....	280 00	
Fanny C. Mason, teaching 30 weeks ...	250 00	
N. M. Morse, teaching 12 weeks	128 00	
E. J. Messenger, teaching 33 weeks....	341 00	
Frank Parsons, teaching 19 weeks.....	182 00	
Frank Parsons, teaching drawing 13 w'ks	130 00	
Ruth Perrin, teaching 4 weeks.....	32 00	
E. M. Redding, teaching 12 weeks.... .	156 00	
A. R. Rowley, teaching 30 weeks.....	280 00	
Josie Rice, teaching 30 weeks.....	280 00	
Ida M. Sabin, teaching drawing 24 w'ks	216 00	
Lottie Sherer, teaching drawing 35 w'ks	280 00	
Lydia Steer, teaching 12 weeks	144 00	
Nellie Vinton, teaching 10 weeks.....	70 00	
Nellie Walker, teaching 24 weeks.....	192 00	
E. E. Whitford, teaching 30 weeks.....	240 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,514 00
E. P. Walker, care of Hooker school...	8 30	
F. A. Webber, care of Main-st. school..	13 50	
J. T. Freeman, care of School-st. building	20 00	
A. L. Streeter care of No. Globe school	49 00	
R. C. Lawson, care of Ammidown school	3 50	
Lottie Sheerer, care of Sumner school, etc	16 98	
Alex Robbilar, care of Union-st. school	5 00	
S. F. Freeman, care of School-st. build'g	50 00	
Willie Morse, care of Bacon school... ..	9 40	
Jennie Matteson, care of Ammidown sc'l	3 00	
Edward Twombly, care of Union-st'sc'l	5 00	
Geo. B. Corey, care of Main-st. school...	40 00	
Oscar T. Chamberlain, care of Dennison school.....	13 00	
Gilbert Chasse, care of Union school ...	5 00	
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Amounts carried forward.....	\$241 68	\$6,514 00

Amounts brought forward.....	\$241 68	\$6,514 00
George B. Corey, cutting 28 cords of wood and laboring at school houses	24 12	
E. M. Phillips for paid cutting wood....	16 87	
Sylvester Dresser, 72 3-8 cords wood....	436 50	
E. L. Spencer, 4 1-2 cords wood.....	30 93	
F. L. Corben, 9 cords 1-2 ft. hard wood.	41 38	
Chauncy Brown, 15 1-2 cords wood and cutting 8 cords.....	85 55	
Lewis Morse, 5 cords wood and cutting same.....	26 25	
J. L. Hammat, crayons and express....	15 80	
Joseph Williams, duster, pan, brush, etc	2 70	
P. H. Carpenter & Co., brooms.	2 75	
J. A. King, paper, books, stationery, etc	14 30	
Cummings & Conant, dipper, brush, pail, etc.....	19 50	
George L. Winter, pail and dipper.....	70	
W. J. Keith, erasers and crayon	20 04	
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		7,493 07
Balance against this acc't March 1, 1876	465 40	
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Balance against this acc't March 1, 1877.....		\$395 91

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT, SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL-HOUSES.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriations.....	\$600 00	\$600 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Jacob Booth, setting glass, etc., No. Globe school.	\$8 20
Dwight Chamberlain, labor at sundry school houses	21 50
P. M. Clarke, labor and material at school houses.	21 00
Carpenter, Irwin & Co., for curtains	11 45
George Baylies, labor on doors, etc	2 21
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Amount carried forward.....	\$64 36

Amount brought forward	\$64 36	
Cummings & Conant, for glass, putty, etc.....	5 70	
Geo. H. Hartwell, for paid for express, stamps, books, etc.....	4 26	
Fred. H. Potter, material and labor, Sandersdale..	4 25	
Geo. L. Winter, for screws, cement, solder, and labor.....	5 72	
Sherwood School Furniture Co., for desks	117 45	
Joseph Williams, bell and dipper.....	80	
N. Y. & N. E. R. R. for transportation on desks...	25 30	
W. C. Stedman, labor and material at Sumner school-house.....	56 87	
Hiram Webster, labor at Union school-house.....	75	
George Whitford, labor and material, New Village school-house.....	2 25	
Joseph Williams, glass and putty.....	89	
James T. McKinstry, glass and setting on sundry school houses	15 95	
Samuel Williams, for chairs.....	11 50	
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	\$ 316 05	
Balance against this account, March 1, 1876	29 19	
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		345 24
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Balance credit of this account March 1, 1877		\$254 76

SCHOOL APPARATUS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1876.....	267 30
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EXPENDITURES.

W. C. Barnes for text books.....	7 82	
George H. Hartwell, for books.....	20 00	
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		27 82
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Balance on account March 1, 1877.....		\$239 48

SOUTH GLOBE SCHOOL-HOUSE.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriations.....	\$ 500 00	\$500 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Balance against account March 1, 1876.....	499 30	
Transferred to unappropriated funds.....	70	
	<hr/>	\$500 00

ELM STREET SCHOOL-HOUSE.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation ...	\$3,000 00	
Mortar sold.....	25	
	<hr/>	\$3,000 25

EXPENDITURES.

S. Dresser, for cash paid for labor, brick, plank and gravel.....	\$357 14
Chas. Hyde, for lumber, doors and window frames.....	43 69
C. A. Vaughn, for labor and material....	1,763 72
Geo. A. Dresser, for cement and lime,.....	35 45
Alden Potter, labor and material.	74 97
Jos. Williams, " "	21 24
P. M. Clark, " "	35 04
Sherwood School Furniture Co., bill of desks.....	129 04
N. Y. & N. E. R. R., freight on desks.....	21 20
C. A. Paige, expense to Worcester to make contract.....	1 95
J. F. McKinstry, labor and material.....	10 00
H. D. Edwards, carting desks.....	1 75
Verney Fiske, labor.....	54 50
Dwt. Chamberlain, "	20 00
Jos. Neddo, "	6 00
Leon Cadotte, "	6 75
Jerry O'Brien, "	23 43
Jos. Howard, "	4 00
Eli Gammarsh, "	37 50

Amount carried forward.....	\$2,647 37
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Amount brought forward.....	\$2,647 37
Lewis Rivers, "	9 00
Frank Lonsway, "	16 50
Chauncy Brown, "	43 00
Daniel Whitford, "	187 42
Jas. Brown, "	34 50
Henry Walker, "	21 12
Frank Davies, "	25 50
	<hr/> \$2,984 41
Bal. credit of this account.....	\$15 84

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1876.....	\$642 74
Fines, catalogues, &c.....	106 05
Dog fund	408 12
Appropriation.....	1,500 00
	<hr/> \$2656 91

EXPENDITURES.

Miss A. J. Comins, salary.....	\$500 00
“ “ “ cash paid for stationery, express charges and incidentals.....	46 01
Lee, Shepard & Co. and others, books, binding, periodicals and other publications.....	671 35
Mutual Gas Light Co., gas..	149 00
Geo. K. Dresser, coal.....	84 16
Miss A. J. Comins, labor on catalogue.....	229 00
Nelson May, “ “	21 40
Alfred Mudge & Son, catalogues	698 50
Carpenter, Irwin & Co., curtains	5 25
Thos. Todd, printing cards	7 86
G. M. Whitaker, “ “	13 80
Holmes Ammidown, 1-2 repairs to roof.....	4 91
P. M. Clark, labor and material in repairs.....	10 53
B. H. Thayer & Co., paper for binding....	19 20
S. M. Lane, ink and expressage.....	1 63
	<hr/> 2,462 60
Bal. to credit of this account.....	\$194 31

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	\$370 16	
Appropriations.....	1,300 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,670 16

EXPENDITURES.

A. J. Bartholomew, professional services for 1876.	\$144 66	
J. W. Cochran, professional services....	4 00	
Samuel S. Perry, cash paid for stationery, books, and express for town clerk's office....	7 62	
C. A. Paige, cash paid for cleaning Central-street water-trough	25	
for legal cap paper	15	
use of team to January 1, 1877	27 45	
	<hr/>	\$27 85
Leonard Cutler, plans and specifications for Elm- street school-house.....	25 00	
James F. Parker, supper for firemen, Edwards block fire.....	64 00	
Fred Crosby, rubber stamp for auditors.....	3 50	
Charles Hyde, guide-posts, sign-boards and lumber for ladder.....	3 77	
C. W. Bryan & Co., assessors and tax books.....	5 60	
J. W. Dick, Stockwell burners for Police station building....	3 00	
Wm. McGilpin, damage to team on highway.....	6 25	
L. W. Curtis, damage to team on highway.....	5 00	
J. Q. Goodell, maple trees for Town House yard..	2 00	
P. H. Carpenter, P. M., postage stamps.....	1 99	
N. E. Putney, care of town clock, year ending May 1, 1876	30 00	
cleaning and repairing same.	4 00	
	<hr/>	34 00
Joel W. Marble, returning deaths to Town Clerk.....	24 50	
sealer weights and measures to April 1, 1877.....	10 00	
care of Town Hall, to April 1, 1877.....	10 00	
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Amounts carried forward.....	\$44 50	\$338 24

Amounts brought forward.....	\$44 50	\$338 24
Joel W. Marble, labor in cemetery.....	8 39	
	<hr/>	52 89
Amasa Haskell, conducting one funeral.....		1 00
Leonard Cheney, conducting 16 funerals.....		16 00
Ephram Dakin, conducting 2 funerals.....		2 00
Samuel Williams, conducting 18 funerals	18 00	
desk for voting-list, to use at		
town meetings....	2 50	
	<hr/>	20 50
Liberty Phelps, legal cap paper.....		2 97
Hartwell Hobb, plans for addition for poor-house.		4 50
Joseph Williams, repairing street lamps	95	
file, snow shovel, and lamp-		
trimmer.	2 65	
lead pipe and labor at Central		
street water-trough.....	6 06	
repairing stove-pipe at Select-		
men's office.....	50	
	<hr/>	10 16
George L. Winter, nails and screws for sign-boards		31
Cummings & Conant, repairing street		
lamps... ..	2 10	
ladder and rake.....	2 04	
	<hr/>	4 14
Geo. S. Stone, repairing hearse.....	1 00	
wedges and iron for school-		
house	4 50	
Iron frame and iron for lamp		
in front of Town Hall.....	4 05	
	<hr/>	9 55
New England Gas Light Co., patent top street		
lantern in front of Town Hall.. ..		6 00
Mutual Gas Light Co., gas for Town H'l	11 00	
setting lantern and pipe front		
of Town Hall... ..	2 00	
	<hr/>	13 00
P. M. Clarke, repairing lantern	35	
setting glass in street lamps		
and at Town Hall.....	15 52	
painting street signs, lamps		
and posts.....	44 24	
	<hr/>	60 11
Amount carried forward.....		\$541 37

Amount brought forward.....	\$541 37	
Jacob Booth, painting and varnishing hearse.....	15 00	
Cruff & Abbott, painting Town House fence.....	15 00	
J. T. McKinstry, setting glass in the street lamps..	2 50	
H. D. Edwards, carting guide-post boards.....	1 00	
Hamilton Woolen Co., use of land for stairway from Hamilton-st. to R. R. depot up to Jan. 1, 1877.....	5 00	
H. W. Bacon, notifying town officers..	5 50	
summoning witnesses in case of Young vs. Town of South- bridge.....	18 00	
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E. L. Spencer, drawing plank.....	1 00	
notifying town officers.	5 15	
serving warrants for town meetings	4 00	
	<hr/>	10 15
Charles B. Cozzans, repairing cemetery pump.....	1 50	
W. G. Howard, wood for selectmen's room.....	4 00	
Marcus Dillaber, keeping street clear circus day..	1 25	
L. O. Thompson, sundry jobs labor.....	1 30	
Moses Sassha, " " 	5 25	
Levi Horton, " " 	5 62	
A. H. Barrett, " " 	7 62	
Judson Hemmingway, " 	6 37	
Samuel Hagar, " " 	5 50	
	<hr/>	\$651 93
Deduct one order outstanding.		4 00
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		647 93
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Balance to credit of this account	\$1,022 23	

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	\$ 1,624 27
For grass on Vinton lot	40 00
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Amount carried forward.....	\$1,664 27

Amount brought forward.....	\$1,664 27	
For support of Margaret O'Brien	96 00	
For produce sold.....	71 61	
		<hr/> \$1,831 88

EXPENDITURES.

C. B. Brainard, services of self and wife		
to Jan. 1, 1877.....	325 00	
1 clothes wringer	5 00	
		<hr/> 330 00
George E. Bulfinch, medical services one year, to		
April 1, 1877.....	45 00	
Samuel Williams, coffin, robe and cap for Mrs. May	11 17	
Caroline A. Streeter, seven chairs	1 50	
Charles Hyde, lumber.. ..	4 64	
Geo. S. Stone, one sleigh.....	28 00	
sundry repairs.....	16 85	
		<hr/> 44 85
Daniel Morse, shoeing horses, oxen, and sundry re-		
pairs.	15 81	
Horace Fairbank, filing saws.....	2 25	
Ichabod Badger, repairing shoes.. ..	4 85	
Robert Herron, castings for, and labor on mowing		
machine.....	20 70	
George L. Winter, sundry merchandise.....	14 57	
Joseph Williams, " " and labor.	18 73	
Cummings & Conant " "	6 96	
one plow.....	13 25	
		<hr/> 20 21
C. T. Carpenter, surcingle, rains and rep'g harness	5 50	
M. M. Marble, meat and potatoes... ..	59 29	
P. H. Carpenter & Co., groceries.....	167 57	
Morse Brothers, groceries.	119 18	
Olney & Cook, groceries.....	193 74	
C. D. Paige & Co., sundry merchandise	61 65	
Crosby & Co., " "	23 45	
Carpenter, Irwin & Co., "	27 59	
Comestock, Perry & Co., "	42 88	
James J. Oakes, " "	16 91	
Lorenzo Morton, " "	5 00	
J. A. Marcy, fish.....	2 64	
Viall Bros., fish.....	7 39	
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Amount carried forward.....	\$1,267 07	

Amount carried forward.....	\$1,267 07	
Thomas Potter, fish.....	12 97	
Edwin Bacon, 4 pigs.....	14 00	
L. P. Tower, one steer.....	41 00	
H. W. Bacon, team to carry Kate Tynan.....	1 00	
E. L. Spencer, team to funeral of Pat. Comfort....	4 00	
James Cummings, digging grave for Mary May ..	2 50	
A. J. Clarke, butchering hogs and beef.....	6 00	
Joseph Clark, use of cider-mill and horse.....	7 00	
Henry Gilchrest, thrashing oats.....	3 00	
D. W. Brainard, labor, haying.....	24 00	
use of horse.....	9 00	
	<hr/>	33 00
Thomas Potter, collector, Joshua Vinton's tax...	10 26	
	<hr/>	\$1 401 80
Shrinkage on personal property at town farm	215 17	
	<hr/>	\$1,616 97
Balance to credit of the account.....		214 91

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List of paupers at the alms-house February 18, 1877.

Obediah Sabin.	aged 80 years
Michael Roach.....	aged 79 years
Josiah Vinton.....	aged 69 years
John Clark.....	aged 66 years
John Roan	aged 56 years
Lucian Green.....	aged 56 years
Thomas Powers.....	aged 57 years
David Cornell.....	aged 46 years
Charles Congdon.....	aged 30 years
William Sabin	aged 22 years
Eunice Durfee.....	aged 74 years
Calista Rich	aged 70 years
Margaret O'Brien....	aged 62 years
Ellen Powers	aged 52 years
Catherine Tynan	aged 38 years
Average number during the year.....	14 1-2
Tramps fed and lodged at the alms-house during the year	317
“ “ “ at police station.....	290

OUTSIDE POOR.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	\$525 95	
Town of Brookfield, account of S. Hewett.....	11 00	
“ “ Enfield, account of Monahan.....	22 00	
Henry Fiske, support of Lydia Fiske.....	39 00	
O. Harding, support of Lucy Harding.....	52 00	
Appropriation	1,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,649 95

EXPENDITURES.

Wor. lunatic hospital, support Patrick Commaford.....	38 97	
support of Lucy A. Harding..	141 91	
support of Lydia Fiske.....	189 85	
	<hr/>	\$370 73
City of Fitchburg, support of Hunt family	74 85	
support of Eugene Vane fam'y	12 60	
	<hr/>	87 45
Town of Webster, support of Geo. Mar- tin family.....	44 40	
support of Hogan family.....	44 00	
aid to Louis Shaw.....	5 00	
	<hr/>	93 40
C. D. Paige & Co., wood to James Brown	6 00	
wood to Mrs. Hewitt	5 00	
wood to A. and E. Clark.....	10 50	
wood to Mrs. Grady	11 62	
wood to Mrs. Martin.....	5 62	
merchandise to Mrs. Martin..	3 50	
mdse. to Margaret Monahan..	75	
merchandise to Joshua Vinton	10 00	
mdse. to David Connell.....	13 50	
	<hr/>	66 49
Crosby & Co., wood to Esther Clark.....	5 00	
Carpenter, Irwin & Co., mdse. to G. Martin.....	6 90	
J. O. McKinstry, mdse. to Mrs. Mahoney.....	5 00	
P. H. Carpenter & Co., groceries to A. & E. Clark.....	16 00	
groceries to Geo. Martin.....	6 00	
groceries to Peter Stone.....	72 00	
groceries to Meto Deno	5 00	
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Amounts carried forward.....	\$99 00	\$634 97

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P. H. Carpenter & Co., groceries to Moses Sassha....	5 00	
groceries to Magliore Bashand	3 00	
	<hr/>	107 00
Olney & Cook, groceries to S. Hewitt...	3 00	
groceries to Hogan family..	98 50	
wood to Hogan family.....	6 00	
	<hr/>	104 50
	<hr/>	107 50
Morse Bros., groceries to Geo. Martin...	59 00	
groceries to Moses Sassha....	3 00	
groceries to A. & E. Clark...	3 50	
	<hr/>	65 50
Jas. Gleason & Son, groceries to Mrs. Fogal.....	46 00	
groceries to Mrs. Mahoney...	16 00	
groceries to Moses Sassha....	10 00	
groceries to Eagan family....	60 00	
	<hr/>	132 00
Wm. E. Alden, goods to Mrs. Grady...	39 57	
goods to Mrs. Mahoney.....	10 00	
goods to Jerry Carroll.....	5 00	
	<hr/>	54 57
V. W. Lamoureux, goods to Narcisse Belanger....	20 00	
L. N. Holden, goods to Geo. Martin.....	3 00	
Patrick Kelly, groceries to James Brown.....	24 00	
Surprenant Bros., 2 tickets to Montreal for John Peck, Jr., wife and 3 children.....	20 00	
Samuel Williams, 9 coffins for paupers.....	58 25	
Geo. K. Dresser, coal to Moses Sassha..	12 50	
coal to Edward Ayer.....	8 00	
	<hr/>	20 50
Geo. C. Shepard & Co., medicine for sun- dry paupers.....		38 01
Sylvester Dresser, rent of tenement and wood to Peter Stone.....	26 00	
expense to Fitchburg, Gilbert Chasse case.....	7 95	
	<hr/>	33 95
W. P. Plimpton, wood to A. and E. Clark.....		2 80
Charles Hyde, kindling to A. & E. Clark	1 00	
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Amounts carried forward.....	\$1 00	\$1,322 05

Amounts brought forward.....	\$1 00	\$1,322 05
Charles Hyde, expense to Worcester,		
Patrick Commaford case....	3 50	
	<hr/>	4 50
Cummings & Conant, stove pipe and labor for		
George Martin		1 75
N. Y. & N. E. R. R. Co., freight on goods		
for sundry paupers.....	11 63	
R. R. tickets for paupers.....	18 60	
	<hr/>	30 23
James F. Parker, feeding tramps.....		8 10
Central Mills Co., tenement to Jerry Toben.....		3 00
Dresser M'f'g Co., tenement to Geo. Martin.....		31 67
C. A. Paige, cash in paid sundry pauper cases.....		12 65
Daniel Whitford, moving Geo. Martin		
from Webster.....	6 00	
moving Hogan family from		
Webster.....	7 00	
wood to Mrs. Fogal.....	2 00	
	<hr/>	15 00
E. L. Spencer, wood to S. Hewitt.....	3 00	
wood to A. & E. Clark.....	7 00	
wood to Geo. Martin.....	10 50	
team to carry David Connell		
to poor farm.....	1 00	
	<hr/>	21 50
Edwin Edwards, support of Margaret Mahoney...		40 00
Joseph Brackett, support of Mrs. John Toben....		5 00
L. O. Thompson, feeding David Connell		
at police station.....	2 40	
feeding tramps.....	1 60	
	<hr/>	4 00
Wm. L. D. Hall, cutting wood for Esther Clark...		2 00
Mrs. H. G. Pratt, watching with Abigail Clark....		8 00
Mrs. McGuirk, care of Abigail Clark.....		15 00
Mrs. Nancy Hall, care of Abigail Clark.....		1 50
	<hr/>	\$1,525 95
Bal. to credit of this account.....		\$124 06
Due this account from the town of Enfield for support of		
Margaret Mahoney		49 75

STATE AID.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	\$570 44	
State treasurer.....	371 87	
	<hr/>	\$942 31

EXPENDITURES.

Julia Seymour.....	48 00	
John Lee, guardian.....	24 00	
Ellen Carroll.....	48 00	
Margaret Horrigan.....	48 00	
Francis McGuire.....	72 00	
Martin Maher.....	84 00	
Thomas Welch.....	72 00	
	<hr/>	396 00
Balance to credit of this account		\$546 31

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	\$331 48	
Appropriations.....	2,200 00	
Transferred from unappropriated funds	600 00	
Horse cart and harness sold.....	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,171 48

EXPENDITURES.

George S. Stone, scraper	2 00	
repairing tools.....	3 75	
	<hr/>	5 75
Cummings & Conant, shovel.....	1 20	
P. H. Carpenter & Co., powder and fuse.....	50	
Lucian W. Curtis, shoveling snow	75	
labor.....	3 88	
gravel	1 00	
	<hr/>	5 63
Amount carried forward		\$13 08

Amount brought forward.....	\$13 08	
Joseph Williams, gravel... ..	9 40	
Estate of John Edwards, gravel	29 80	
Calvin A. Paige, labor of sundry persons	22 80	
Sylvester Dresser, labor of sundry persons.....	64 75	
Daniel Whitford labor of sundry persons.....	70 31	
Abiel Hibbard, shoveling snow.... ..	2 10	
Henry Clark, paid Thomas Welch, shoveling snow	2 25	
George Lyon, labor	2 87	
William O. Mason, labor...	90	
Henry Walker, labor.....	506 55	
Liberty A. Lyon, labor.....	14 00	
Oliver Mason, labor.....	462 08	
William H. H. Cheney, labor	276 50	
George K. Dresser, labor	4 55	
George A. Dresser, labor.....	366 49	
John M. Vinton, labor.....	5 26	
H. B. Streeter, labor, (bal. con't due April 1, 1876)	30 00	
Hiram Morse, labor. ..	204 10	
Ruggles W. Morse, labor	239 35	
Lewis Morse, labor.....	1 00	
Nathan McKinstry, labor.....	532 78	
Prevostus McKinstry, labor, (contract to April 1, 1876.)	50 00	
John Mack, labor....	4 05	
W. L. D. Hall, labor	7 80	
Judson Hemingway, labor	9 60	
Peter Gomo, labor.....	7 95	
Thomas Welch, labor	21 75	
Thomas Hayes, labor....	64 65	
Samuel Hager.....	4 95	
Levi Lamont, labor.....	32 62	
Levi Horton, labor.....	6 00	
Lewis Rivers, labor.....	2 00	
M. Champion, labor.	1 50	
Albert Moon, labor.....	27 31	
Bernard Casey, labor.....	7 67	
Festus Falkner, labor	2 80	
A. H. Barrett, labor.....	49 27	
	<hr/>	\$3,160 84
Balance to credit of this account		10 64

The following bills on this account are due but unpaid for want of funds:

Nathan McKinstry	27 57	
Ruggles W. Morse	22 47	
William H. H. Cheney	22 89	
Hiram Morse	42 15	
Daniel Whitford	13 50	
	<hr/>	\$128 58

RAILING HIGHWAYS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	\$425 80
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EXPENDITURES.

George A. Dresser, labor	13 25	
Daniel Whitford, men and teams	29 00	
Ruggles Morse, men and teams	14 38	
Moses Sassha, labor	4 50	
Barnard Casey, labor	1 80	
George S. Stone, iron and wedges	1 95	
Cruff & Abbott, labor and material,	11 70	
	<hr/>	76 58
Balance of credit on this account		\$349 22

SIDEWALKS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	\$358 95	
Plank and brick sold	3 03	
Daniel Whitford, overpaid	11 63	
Flag stones sold	7 20	
Appropriation	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$880 81

EXPENDITURES.

Stone & Foskett for curbing and flag stones	34 67	
Wm. S Woodbury, for curb stones	73 91	
Amount carried forward	<hr/>	\$108 58

Amount brought forward.....	\$108 58	
Sylvester Dresser, for brick.....	72 00	
paving stone, labor of men and use of team.	167 02	
D. Whitford, labor of men and teams brick & gravel	66 63	
Wm. Edwards, building sidewalks per contract. ...	75 00	
Estate of John Edwards, gravel.....	3 20	
George Whitford, labor.....	26 25	
Moses Sassha, labor.....	17 40	
Suprenant Bros. labor of Moses Sassha.....	3 50	
Verney Fiske, labor.....	31 25	
H. D. Edwards, carting plank.....	2 25	
Olney & Cook, labor of Moses Sassha.....	4 00	
Chas. Hyde, lumber.....	34 70	
Joseph Williams, iron and nails.....	6 23	
	<hr/>	\$618 01
Balance credit to this account.....		\$262 80

BRIDGES.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	55 75	
Old planks sold.....	2 00	
Appropriations... ..	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$557 75

EXPENDITURES.

A. S. Keyes, for labor on bridge at West Dudley..	8 92	
William H. H. Cheney, labor.....	11 00	
Hamilton Woolen Company, labor.....	1 38	
John Sayles, labor... ..	1 00	
Emerson Vinton, labor, Sandersdale bridge.....	4 50	
L. R. Matteson, " " ".....	6 75	
George B. Corey, labor, Woodstock road bridge ...	75	
Joseph Spencer, labor, Westville bridge.....	4 50	
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Amount carried forward.....	\$38 80	

Amount brought forward.....	\$38 80	
Ruggles W. Morse, labor on bridge near Harrington's shop.....	80 37	
Daniel Whitford, labor of sundry persons at Sandersdale bridge.....	332 30	
S. Dresser, plank.....	23 75	
G. A. Dresser, labor and plank.....	1 08	
Henry Walker, for plank and repairing Elm-st. bridge	10 22	
Charles Hyde, labor and material.....	20 79	
T. and J. H. Sanders, for labor, material and use of derrick	46 20	
L. W. Curtis, labor and material for Pleasant-street bridge.....	10 34	
Geo. L. Winter, nails.....	3 35	
Joseph Williams, nails.....	3 35	
	<hr/>	570 55
Balance against the account.....		12 80
The following bill is audited but unpaid from want of funds.		
Daniel Whitford.....		68 57
Due this account from James Gleason for old plank	20 00	

SNOW BILL.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	22 99
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EXPENDITURES.

E. L. Spencer, labor.....	6 25	
W. L. D. Hall, labor	6 60	
Judson Hemmingway, labor.....	3 90	
Frank Lonsway, labor.....	1 22	
C. A. Paige, labor sundry persons.....	5 02	
	<hr/>	22 99

DRESSER STREET.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriations.....	\$ 350 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Balance from last year.....	\$ 286 68	
Henry Walker, for labor of himself, sundry men and team and material.....	63 32	350 00
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HOOK STREET.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriations	100 00
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EXPENDITURES.

George A. Dresser, labor as per contract.....	100 00
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PINE STREET.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation	375 54
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EXPENDITURES.

Daniel Whitford, for labor of self and men.....	375 54	375 54
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SAYLES STREET.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriations	300 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Daniel Whitford, bill for self, help etc.....	272 09	
Henry Walker, for labor.....	16 75	
Thomas Hayes, for labor	7 65	
	<hr/>	296 49
Balance credit this account.....		\$3 51

CHAPIN STREET.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriations	300 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Henry Walker, labor of self and men....	199 29	
C. A. Dresser, land damage....	100 00	
	<hr/>	299 29
Balance credit of this account		71

WALCOTT AND PLIMPTON STREETS.

EXPENDITURES.

S. Dresser, labor of self and men, and other bills.	749 20	
Joseph Williams, for shovel, etc.....	6 50	
Charles Hyde, for lumber	23 04	
George Wald, land damage	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 790 74

STREET LIGHTS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	\$18 01	
Appropriation.....	1200 00	
Naptha sold and broken glass.....	3 65	
	<hr/>	\$1,221 66

EXPENDITURES.

Mutual Gas Light Co., gas from Feb. 1, 1876 to March 1, 1877.....	\$455 82
Marcus Dillaber, lighting lamps.....	222 00
L. O. Thompson, " ".....	126 00
storing naptha.....	6 00
	<hr/> 132 00
Thomas Mansfield, lighting lamps....	65 00
Enos Avery, " ".....	47 25
Samuel Walker & Co., naptha fluid.....	89 61
Morse Bros., matches	3 90
Olney & Cook, matches.....	2 20
basket.....	40
	<hr/> 2 60
H. W. Bacon, storing naptha from Sept. 1, 1874 to March 1, 1876.....	9 00
N. Y. & N. E. R. R. Co., freight on naptha	14 93
	<hr/> \$1,042 11
Balance credit on this account.....	\$179 55

STREET LAMPS AND POSTS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	\$2 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Balance to unappropriated funds....	\$2 00
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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	\$63 46
Appropriation.....	800 00
Unappropriated funds.....	500 00
	<hr/> \$1,363 46

EXPENDITURES.

H. W. Bacon, teams to fires.....	\$26 00
N. T. Tirrell " "	17 00
Daniel Whitford " "	10 00
G. K. Dresser, " "	1 00
E. L. Spencer, " " and sundry jobs.....	49 50
Chesley Hayes, rubber coats, rolls and pails.....	61 55
James Gleason & Son, supplies	9 32
Cummings & Conant, "	31 16
Geo. H. Hartwell, "	2 60
Duffy & Lewis, "	16 17
Jos. Williams, "	2 00
Morse Bros., "	50
Columbian Co., "	5 00
E. S. Ellis, coal.....	38 76
G. K. Dresser, coal....	203 68
Jacob Booth, painting and glazing at Melvill En- gine House.....	9 98
P. M. Clark, labor, materials and sundry expenses.	143 59
Geo. W. Wells, burner and express.....	1 65
Geo. S. Stone, repairs.....	13 50
Bishop Bros., ladders.....	105 00
Cole Bros., supplies.....	24 08
E. T. Morse, carting hose.....	1 00
Geo. M. Whitaker, printing.....	5 00
Frank Link and Lewis Shaw, watching fires.....	3 00
Henry Dillaber, labor.....	2 40
H. C. Cady, 1 duster....	2 00
Michael Brien, labor	1 75
Barnard Casey, "	2 25
Frank Cady, "	26 55
A. H. Barrett, "	2 00
Hamilton Woolen Co., labor and teams to fires....	30 75
Azel Thompson, cash paid N. Littleton..	1 00
Chas. Hyde, wood....	2 20
Frank Ryan, making poles and hooks..	51 00
N. Littleton, straps.....	2 50
C. T. Carpenter, straps, &c.,.....	7 37
W. D. Cole, hose stuffing.....	117 00
F. F. Mann, fire screens.....	31 00
Mutual Gas Light Co., gas bill.....	6 00
Alden Potter, for ladder.....	17 00
	<hr/> 1,084 81

Amount brought forward.....	\$1,084 81
Deduct one order outstanding	1 65
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	1,083 16
Balance credit of this account	<hr/> 280 30

REPAIRS OF ENGINE HOUSES.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation	900 00	
Unappropriated funds.....	1 17	
	<hr/>	901 17

EXPENDITURES.

Balance from last year..	901 17
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ENGINE MEN.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	186 00	
Appropriation	1,400 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,586 00

EXPENDITURES.

Steamer No. 1	250 00	
Steamer No. 2... ..	270 00	
Steward Cady	60 00	
Steward Ammidown.....	60 00	
Tiger, No 7.....	370 00	
Melvill, No. 2.....	340 00	
P. M. Clarke, engineer.....	10 00	
J. P. Whelan, engineer.....	10 00	
Azel Thompson, engineer.....	10 00	
Wm. Edwards, engineer.....	10 00	
S. Dresser, engineer.....	10 00	
C. A. Dresser, engineer... ..	10 00	
	<hr/>	1,410 00
Balance credit the account		<hr/> 176 00

POLICE STATION.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	\$104 12	
Lock-up fees.....	89 59	
	<hr/>	\$193 71

EXPENDITURES.

C. D. Paige & Co., for wood	21 63	
Crosby & Co., for wood.....	16 00	
Mutual Gas Light Co., for gas.....	18 00	
E. L. Spencer, for wood.....	12 00	
E. L. Spencer, for sprinkling	10 00	
John Sayles for wood	5 00	
Lewis O. Thompson, for care of lock-up from Feb. 15, 1876 to Jan. 15, 1877.....	68 75	
George L. Winter, stove....	6 25	
Olney & Cook, broom.....	45	
P. H. Carpenter & Co., pitcher.....	37	
John Mack, sawing wood, etc.....	3 00	
Frank Lonsway, sawing wood, etc	1 50	
Judson Hemmingway sawing wood, etc	3 00	
Samuel Hagar, sawing wood, etc.....	4 20	
	<hr/>	170 15
Balance credit this account		23 56

Due the town on this account, from

E. L. Spencer, lock-up fees	40 50	
H. W. Bacon, " "	12 00	
Eben Stevens, " "	1 00	
S. and G. Thayer, " "	13 00	
Frank Ryan, " "	3 00	
J. L. Gould, " "	2 00	
Frank Blackmer, " " ..	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 73 50

PRINTING.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	90 14	
Appropriation	125 00	
Unappropriated funds ..	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 315 14

EXPENDITURES.

Thomas Todd, printing diplomas.....	8 00	
C. W. Eddy, printing cemetery deeds.....	2 25	
George M. Whitaker for advertising war-		
rants and printing	73 70	
600 auditor's reports.....	102 00	
600 school committee's reports	28 00	
Fire engineer's report.....	16 00	
	<hr/>	219 70
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		229 95
Balance credit this account.....		<hr/>
		85 19

INSURANCE.

Balance from last year.....	66 61	
Appropriation	100 00	
	<hr/>	166 61

EXPENDITURES.

E. M. Phillips, insurance on buildings.....	166 61	
Due E. M. Phillips, on this account, and unpaid for want of		
funds		<hr/>
		268 46

INTEREST.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	1,084 80	
Appropriation	1,200 00	
On overdue taxes.....	15 15	
	<hr/>	2,299 95

EXPENDITURES.

New England Trust Company	238 61	
Southbridge Savings Bank.....	325 00	
Southbridge National Bank.....	136 55	
William A. Marcy	322 50	
John Marcy.....	456 33	
Jedediah Marcy	44 17	
Grace Mixter.....	39 12	
T. N. Harding.....	76 58	
Daniel Whitford.....	75 00	
C. H. Leonard, Guardian	60 00	
	<hr/>	1,773 86
Balance credit to this account.....		526 09

SALARIES.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	\$72 78	
Appropriation.....	2,200 00	
Bank tax received from state treasury.....	17 96	
	<hr/>	\$2,290 74

EXPENDITURES.

F. L. Chapin, town treasurer 1875-6.....	\$200 00
S. S. Perry, town clerk 1876.....	134 95
Wm. Edwards, selectman from July 1, 1875 to April 1, 1876.....	216 75
Chas. Hyde, selectman from March 3, 1876 to March 29, 1876.....	6 75
C. A. Paige, selectman from March 1, 1876 to March 1, 1877.....	304 75
S. Dresser, selectman from Apr. 1, 1876 to March 1, 1877.....	243 25
Daniel Whitford, selectman from Apr. 1, 1876, to Jan. 1, 1877.....	218 12
E. M. Phillips, school committee from March 1, 1875 to March 1, 1876.....	168 75
Geo. H. Hartwell, school committee from Feb. 24, 1875, to March 1, 1876.....	142 50
Amount carried forward.....	<hr/> \$1,635 82

Amount brought forward.....	\$1,635 82	
Geo. H. Hartwell, school committee from April 3, 1876 to Dec. 18, 1876.....	85 00	
W. A. Nottage, school committee from March 3, 1876, to April 3, 1876.....	16 00	
H. H. Rhees, preparing school committee report...	20 00	
Daniel Whitford, assessor 1876.....	4 50	
Augustus Cook " "	102 50	
Solomon Thayer " "	71 23	
S. C. Hartwell, services as auditor and labor on re- port, 1875.....	43 00	
Fred Crosby, auditor from Feb. 1876, to March 1, 1877, and labor on report.....	54 50	
J. M. Cochran, auditor from Apr., '76, to Mar., '77	23 00	
A. H. Wheeler, auditor from Mar., '75, to Apr., '76	22 00	
E. D. Morse, making list of school children.....	15 00	
Thos. Potter, collector 1876.....	60 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,152 55
Balance of credit on this account.....		\$138 19
The following bills audited were unpaid.		
E. M. Phillips.....	161 25	
H. H. Rhees.....	177 95	
	<hr/>	339 20

ELM STREET RESERVOIR.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$500 00

EXPENDITURES.

S. Dresser, for brick, and cash paid for labor of men and teams.....	315 42	
City of Worcester for gate frames and cover.....	13 52	
P. H. Carpenter & Co., powder and fuse.....	3 15	
Joseph Williams, pump, barrow, tubing, etc.....	12 53	
G. S. Stone, wedges and repairing tools....	7 20	
G. K. Dresser, lime and cement.	23 35	
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Amount carried forward.....		\$375 17

Amount brought forward.....	\$375 17	
Charles Hyde, lumber.....	25 23	
Adams Express Co., express on castings.....	1 70	
Alden Potter, labor.....	7 62	
Hartwell Hobbs, labor.....	12 33	
Peter Reno, labor.....	9 75	
Joseph Gilbert, labor	11 25	
	<hr/>	443 05
Balance to credit of this account		56 95

WHITFORD SUIT.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation.....	1,500 00	
Unappropriated funds.....	128 34	
	<hr/>	1,628 34

EXPENDITURES.

John M. Cochran, in settlement of suit of A. K. Whitford	1,106 85	
George F. Hoar, for professional services.....	350 00	
A. J. Bartholemew for professional services, etc..	171 49	
	<hr/>	\$1,628 34

VALUATION OF TOWN FOR 1876.

Value of real estate	\$1,955,785 00
Value of personal estate	990 565 50
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Total real and personal.....	\$2,946,350 50
Total number of polls.....	1,311
Total tax for state, county and town.....	\$44,046 98
Rate of taxation per \$1,000.....	\$14 25

VALUATION OF CENTER WATCH DISTRICT.

Value of real estate.....	\$670,775 00
Value of personal estate	307,090 00
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Total value within limits of district .	\$977,865 00
Amount raised by taxation.....	\$831 18
Rate of taxation per \$1,000.....	85

ABSTRACT OF INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT
TOWN FARM.

Class 1. Live stock	567 00
2. Hay and grain.....	277 45
3. Carts, wagons, harnesses and other farm- ing tools.....	412 05
4. Household furniture.....	242 50
5. Beds and bedding.....	100 00
6. Family supplies	297 53
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Total appraisal	\$1,896 53
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Decrease from 1876	215 17

C. A. PAIGE, DANIEL WHITFORD, SYLVESTER DRESSER, LUCIAN MARCY,	}	APPRAISERS.
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FEBRUARY 28, 1877.

The following is a List of the Insurance on Town Property and the date of expiration of Policies.

Amount insured.	Property insured.	When expiring.
\$600.	School-house, Hooker District	April 1, 1877
600.	School-house, Sumner District.....	April 1, 1877
3,500.	Library books and paintings.....	July 1, 1877
2,000.	School-house, Union street.....	Oct'r 1, 1877
600.	School-house, Dennison District.....	Nov. 1, 1877
9,850.	Engine-house and contents.....	Nov. 17, 1877
2,500.	Police Station.....	Dec. 2, 1877
2,000.	Globe Village engine-house.	Feb'y 4, 1878
2,500.	Town House.....	May 1, 1878
2,500.	School-house, School street.....	Nov. 1, 1878
1,200.	School-house, River street.....	Nov. 1, 1878
2,500.	Library building.....	Nov. 1, 1879
2,692.	Poor farm and stock.....	Dec. 1, 1879
5,000.	Grammar school-house, Main street.....	Jan'y 1, 1880
1,500.	Town House	Feb'y 1, 1882
1,600.	School-house, (new) Elm street....	Sept. 1, 1881
600.	School-house, Bacon District.....	Jan'y 1, 1881
2,200.	School-house, Sandersdale.....	Dec. 1, 1881
Amount of insurance.....		\$43,942 00
Amount estimated necessary for insurance from April 1, 1877		
to April 1, 1878.....		331 54
For insurance during the past year for which no appropriation was made.....		268 46
Total.....		<hr/> \$600 00

Number of dogs licensed from April 1, 1876 to April 1, 1877..... 239
Males, 225. Females, 14.

Statistics of marriages, births, and deaths, in town for the year.

Number of marriages in town from Jan. 1, 1875 to Jan. 1, 1876..... 51
Americans 15. Foreign 36.
Number of births in town from Jan. 1, 1875 to Jan 1, 1876.... 211
Americans, 37. Foreign, 174.
Number of deaths in town from Jan. 1, 1875 to Jan. 1, 1876..... 98
Americans, 29. Foreign, 69.

Respectfully submitted

SAM'L S. PERRY, *Town Clerk.*

THE SELECTMEN RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1877.

Highways	\$3,000 00
Repairs of bridges.....	500 00
Repairs of sidewalks and crossings.....	500 00
Insurance	500 00
Printing.....	200 00
Police Station.....	100 00
Salaries town officers...	2,000 00
Street lights.....	1,200 00
Outside poor....	1,200 00
Support of poor.....	1,500 00
Interest	1,000 00
Contingent (none).....	
Payment of debts.	3,000 00
Fire department contingent.....	1,000 00
Payment engine men	1,400 00
Public library, dog fund, and	1,250 00
High school.....	1,800 00
Common schools.....	7,980 00
Contingent of schools.....	220 00
Discount on taxes.....	5,000 00
Abatement of taxes	5,000 00
State and county taxes.....	6,500 00
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	\$40,850 00

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. HARTWELL,
FRED. CROSBY,
J. M. COCHRAN,
Auditors.

Southbridge, March 1, 1877.

ERRATA.—On page 13, contingent account of schools and school-houses, to expenditures add \$1.75 for order outstanding March 1, 1876, making the total expenditure \$317.80.

ACCOUNT OF CASH RECEIVED BY THE SELECTMEN

from several sources for the year ending February 28, 1877,
and paid into the town treasury.

Mason Broad, use of town hall.....	\$12 00
C. B. Brainard,	5 48
L. A. Thompson, lock-up fees.....	19 25
C. A. Paige, plank \$3.00, brick \$1.50.....	4 50
“ “ work, Moses Sassha.....	53
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License Barnum's show... ..	15 00
Andrew Morse, mortar.	25
Morse Brothers, 20 pounds butter.....	6 00
Town of Brookfield support of Sidney Hewitt.....	11 00
W. P. Plimpton, use of town hall	1 00
C. B. Brainard, lard and butter sold Northrop	1 16
Alpha M. Cheney, for Joshua Vinton, grass.....	40 00
Town of Enfield, support of Margaret Mahony.....	22 00
M. M. Marble, veal, etc.....	34 49
George K. Dresser, horse cart and harness.....	40 00
Blanchard, for town hall.....	75
E. L. Spencer, lock-up fees.....	46 50
L. O. Thompson, for old boards.....	10
C. B. Brainard, lard, cider, apples, etc.....	10 21
Hayes and Wheeler club, 20 gallons naptha	3 00
Mr. ———, use town hall.....	1 00
Mr. Jacobs, two gallons naptha.....	40
Daniel Whitford, sidewalk work.....	11 63
William Edwards, rent cemetery lot.....	38 00
Hiram Wells, flagstone.....	3 00
H. W. Bacon, lock-up fees	23 84
Oliver Mason, old plastering.....	2 00
F. L. Chapin, flagstone	4 20
M. Dillaber, glass broken.....	25
P. H. Carpenter & Co., lard and butter.....	14 27
Peddler for street license.....	1 00
	<hr/> \$372 81
Oliver Harding for support of Lucy A. Harding	52 00
	<hr/> \$424 81

STREET LAMP DEPARTMENT, MARCH, 1, 1875.

Whole number of lanterns and posts.	98
Placed as follows:	
On Main street, from Columbian mill to junction of the two Stur- bridge roads in Globe Village.....	36
On Hamilton street.....	12
Central street.....	4
Elm street.....	8
Park street	1
Everett street.....	1
Mill street	6
South street	6
High street	4
Sayles street.....	4
Pleasant street.....	2
Marcy street.....	3
Crane street.....	1
River street.....	9
Hook street.....	1

There are 93 lanterns with posts; 5 without posts, placed as follows:
 1 on Edwards House block; 1 on railroad passenger depot; 1 on Patrick
 Kelley's store; 1 on a tree near iron bridge; and 1 on a tree at junction
 of Main and Hamilton streets, Globe Village.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY.

Engine-house on Central street.....	\$5,000 00
Engine-house on Main street.....	4,500 00
Hook and ladder room on Foster street.....	400 00
High street reservoir, capacity 12,000 gallons	1,227 00
Main street reservoir, capacity 22,000 gallons.....	1,000 00
Sayles street reservoir, capacity 5,000 gallons.....	352 00
One steamer stand at Central mills trench....	100 00
Two second-class steam fire engines.....	8,833 94
Two hose carriages.....	1,267 00
3,108 feet of 2 1-2 inch D. R. hose and couplings, and 500 feet of 2 1-2 inch excelsior 4-ply rubber hose, all for steamers...	4,752 00
Two hand engines, with hose carriages and 550 feet of linen 2-inch hose, 100 feet rubber-lined 2-inch hose, 650 feet leather 2-inch hose, and 950 feet (old) leather 2-inch hose.	2,500 00
Two hook and ladder trucks, with ladders, hooks, ropes, etc.	900 00
Two Babcock and two American copper fire extinguishers...	209 00
42 rubber coats, at \$4.....	168 00
Two signs on engine-houses.	150 00
7 1-2 tons steamer coal, \$14 per ton.....	105 00
2 1-2 tons of furnace coal, \$7 per ton.....	17 50
24 settees, at \$3.....	72 00
15 pairs rubber boots.....	37 50
5 pairs of rubber pants at \$3.....	15 00
3 stoves with pipe.....	35 00
2 office tables.....	15 00
7 office chairs.....	7 00
1 cloth cover for steamer.....	6 00
1 pipe nozzle.....	20 00
5 lanterns	5 00
7 hose-jackets.....	17 50
48 spanners, at 10 cents.....	4 80
24 spanner belts, at 50.....	12 00
2 iron bars, at \$1:.....	2 00
1 coal hod.....	1 00
2 signal lights, at \$4.....	8 00
2 signal globes, at \$2....	4 00
2 poles (extra for hand engine).....	20 00
2 poles for steamer hose carriage.....	50 00
1,800 feet five-eighths hemp rope.....	32 56

Amount carried forward.....\$31,845 80

Amount brought forward.....	\$31,845 80
1 hose oiler, with troughs, horses and tubs	50 00
16 snatch-blocks	14 40
1 reservoir.....	500 00
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	\$32,410 20

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

WORCESTER SS.

To either of the constables of the town of Southbridge in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Southbridge, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in Southbridge, on Monday, the second day of April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the reports of the Auditors of Accounts, Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Fire Engineers, School and Library Committees, and act thereon.

ARTICLE 4. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges the ensuing year and act thereon.

ARTICLE 5. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay town debts and charges the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will authorize the collector to use the means for collecting the taxes which the town treasurer when appointed a collector may use, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will allow a discount on taxes paid within a certain period, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will authorize their treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as posted and presented by the selectmen, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to pay the engine men for the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for finishing and furnishing the upper room of the Elm street school-house, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for providing additional burial lots at the cemetery, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will sell to F. W. Emmons of Sturbridge any part of the cemetery for burial purposes, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote to construct sidewalks as follows: From the residence of Otis N. Upham, on the north side of Main street, to the west end of iron bridge over Quinebaug river; also from the store of James Gleason & Son, on the north side of Main street, to the residence of Dr. H. D. West; also from the residence of Dr. L. W. Curtis, on the west side of Pleasant street, to Main street; raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for building a hose tower on Tiger engine house, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for constructing a cistern in Tiger engine house, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote to establish the pay of the fire engineers, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to complete the sidewalk on Hamilton street, from the west line of H. P. Tiffany's land to the east line of Geo. H. Hartwell's land, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 19. To see what action the town will take in relation to insuring the town property, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for repairs of Pleasant street road from River street to Pleasant street bridge, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for building sidewalks on the west side of High street from Main to South street 1400 feet, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for purchasing street lamp posts and lanterns to be placed as follows: One on Elm street, one on Everett street, three on Dresser street, three on Chapin street, three on Central street from near Central bridge running north, three on Mill street from near Hamilton Woolen Company's boarding house to River street, four on Pleasant street from near River street running north, four on Plimpton street, two on Walcott street, three on School street, two on West street, one on High street, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the town will authorize their treasurer to transfer the unexpended appropriations for Chapin and Sayles streets and Elm street reservoir to the credit of unappropriated funds, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the town will remove the stone wall in front of the cemetery and in place thereof put up a suitable fence, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the town will amend or add to its by-laws, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 26. To hear the report of the cemetery committee or act thereon.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the town will widen and raise the highway from near Bolton place to Sandersdale bridge, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen in relation to the issuing licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, also to prosecute all violations of the law regulating the same, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by publishing an attested copy of the same in the SOUTHBIDGE JOURNAL the two weeks next preceding the time of holding the meeting as aforesaid. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town clerk at the time and place aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-second day of March, A. D. 1877:

C. A. PAIGE,
DANIEL WHITFORD,
SYLVESTER DRESSER.

Selectmen of Southbridge.

A true copy.

Attest: E. L. SPENCER, *Constable of Southbridge.*